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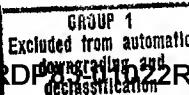
MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support  
SUBJECT : Security Clearance Review  
REFERENCE : White House Memorandum, 30 June 1971,  
same subject

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. On 30 June 1971 the President directed, in part, as outlined in reference, that each responsible department and agency of government initiate a priority review and screening of each Top Secret and compartmented clearance held by individuals regularly employed by the U.S. Government, those serving as consultants, and those employees of private business concerns engaged in the performance of classified contacts with the U.S. Government. Such review and screening was requested to effect immediate reductions of all clearances which could not be demonstrated to meet the requirement of strict need to know. Particular consideration was to be given to the screening of employees in the consultant and contracted categories.

3. Germane to the President's cited injunction, the Office of Security, through the mechanism of the Intra-Agency Security Committee, has accomplished the security clearance review pertinent to all Agency employees, as well as the Agency's commercial contacts. Attached is a general summary of such reductions. Please note,

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however, that the statistical completeness of the summary is circumscribed due to an overlapping of clearances in the contractors' employees category, which are used by the Office of Logistics, the Office of Communications, and the DD/P, and the implausibility of a priority review of over [redacted] Secret clearances spread out among [redacted] separate contractors in the United States.

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4. It is noteworthy that the White House memorandum of 30 June 1971 did not request the agencies and departments of government involved to report back on the results of their security clearance review.

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Director of Security

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